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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, US, AS

SUBJC: NPW VISITS TO AUSTRALIA

DEFENSE MINISTER MORRISON SAID TODAY THAT NPW MATTER SHOULD BE RESOLVED RELATIVELY SOON AND HE WAS PERSONALLY OPTIMISTIC THAT FAVORABLE RESOLUTION COULD BE ACHIEVED IN RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. HE SAID MAJOR DIFFICULTY HAD BEEN THAT WHOLE ISSUE WAS BADLY HANDLED IN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN THAT STATES WITH APPROPRIATE PORTS HAD TO APPROVED AND BUREAUCRATIC BATTLE HAD BEEN CONDUCTED WITHIN FEDERAL BUREAUCRACY WITHOUT PROPER CONSULTATION WITH STATES. HE HAD RESOLVED THIS PROBLEM BY PUTTING MATTER BEFORE CONFERENCE OF FEDERAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS. SUBSEQUENT TO DISCUSSING MATTER WITH MORRISON, RENOUF (SECSTATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS) RAISED SUBJECT AND SAID WHOLE QUESTION WAS NOW A REAL MESS. INTERGOVERNMENTAL DEFENSE POLICY COMMITTEE HAD DISCUSSED IT YESTERDAY. DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRIES SEE EYE TO EYE  
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AND BELIEVE NPW VISITS SHOULD BE APPROVED BUT

"THE POLTICIANS", MEANING MORRISON AND COMPANY  
HAVE REALLY SCREWED MATTERS UP BY SENDING ISSUE  
TO CONFERENCE OF FEDERAL AND STATE ENVIRONMENTAL  
MINISTERS. NEW ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTER BERINSON  
WANTS HAVE UNCLASSIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT CONSIDERED BY NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT.  
RENOUF CLEARLY DID NOT AGREE WITH MORRISON'S ASSESSMENT  
AND THOUGHT THAT ULTIMATELY MATTER WOULD ONLY BE RESOLVED BY  
PM DIRECTLY TELLING CABINET COLLEAGUES TO "GET OUT OF THE  
ACT" AND DECIDING MOVE AHEAD.  
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